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ENEWETAK ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY ISSUES

During a Program Review between September 28, 1992 and September 30, 1992, RSN advised you that there were environmental issues on Enewetak Atoll. RSN recommended that an independent baseline assessment on Enewetak Atoll be conducted to identify, document and evaluate the state of the environment. With this vehicle, a permanent, formal record of the condition of Enewetak Atoll coincident with closure would be generated and maintained. In accordance with the discussion, RSN's Independent Assessment Office prepared and submitted a plan to accomplish that objective.

On January 8, 1992, Mr. Rick Jones advised me that DOE-EH would be assuming full responsibility for all Environmental and Safety issues. Mr. Jones advised RSN to have the DOE Support Vessel in the Enewetak Lagoon on the morning of 18 January 1993. I was advised that Mr. Bill Jackson, DOE, and two other individuals would have items placed on the beach for removal from the Island by the vessel. RSN will take direction regarding disposal of those items from Mr. Bill Jackson in accordance with applicable safety and environmental regulations under which RSN is legally required to operate by the terms of its contract. Additional support required by Rick Jones includes that Stan Miyasato, an RSN employee, round up sufficient local labor to complete this project withdrawal from the island and that RSN provide two General Maintenance individuals to follow the DOE team led by Mr. Bill Jackson and to conduct repairs as directed. The maintenance individuals are to have in their possession standard supplies for electrical and plumbing repairs such as standard tool boxes, electrical tape and plumbing fittings, etc.

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In closing Mr. Rick Jones advised me that closure is 31 January 1993, which has not changed. I will assure that the requirements, as stated by Mr. Jones, are met. By Mr. Jones's directive DOE-EH assumes full liability and the responsibility for accomplishing the Environmental and Safety Baseline of Enewetak.

If there is anything further that we can do to assist you, please let us know.

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